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SUBJECT: CUBA GRANTS SCHOLARSHIPS TO ETHIOPIAN YOUTH

1. 1200 ETHIOPIANS, BETWEEN THE AGES OF 9 AND 17 YEARS, HALF OF WHOM WERE ORPHANED BY DEATHS OF THEIR PARENTS IN OGADEN BATTLEFIELDS AND OTHER HALF OF WHOM WERE ALREADY ORPHANS, HAVE BEEN GRANTED SCHOLARSHIPS BY CUBA. YOUNGSTERS WILL BE ACCOMMODATED IN TWO SCHOOLS IN CUBA AND ARE BEING ACCOMPANIED BY 12 ETHIOPIAN TEACHERS, ONE SCHOOL DIRECTOR AND ONE POLITICAL CADRE. DEPARTURE DATE WAS NOT INDICATED, THOUGH EMBASSY BELIEVES IT IS IMMINENT. TWO SCHOOLS ARE NAMED AFTER CHAIRMAN MENGISTU HAILE-MARIAM AND KARA MARA (SITE OF MAJOR OGADEN VICTORY).

2. IN FAREWELL ADDRESS TO THE CHILDREN, PMGSE CHAIRMAN MENGISTU EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT THE YOUNGSTERS WOULD BECOME "GENUINE REVOLUTIONARIES AND VANGUARD COMMUNISTS," AND WOULD EMULATE EXAMPLES OF ANGOLAN, MOZAMBIQUAN AND CUBAN STUDENTS IN CUBA.
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